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# **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission: October 31, 2011 Early Registration: October 31, 2011 Full Paper Submission: November 14, 2011



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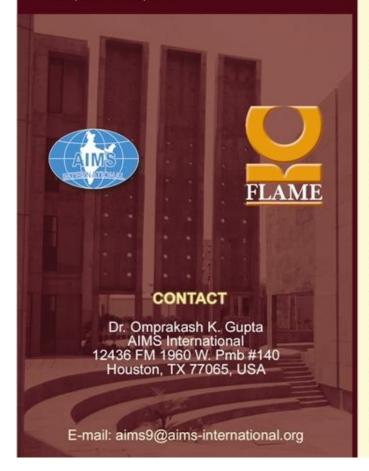
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Pune is the eighth largest metropolis in India, the second largest in the state of Maharashtra after Mumbai. Once the centre of power of the Maratha Empire, it is situated 560 meters above sea level. Pune is known to have existed as a town since 937 AD. Pune was originally called Punawadi. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire, lived in Pune as a young boy, and later oversaw significant growth and development of the town during his reign. Today, Pune is known for its educational facilities and prosperity. Pune has well-established manufacturing, glass, sugar, and forging industries.

#### CONFERENCE THEME

Management education has come a long way in India. With a modest beginning in early sixties of a handful management institutes, there are now well over two thousand institutes in the country. It is a case of from acute shortage to abundant supply of b-schools in India. This development has opened up many unforeseen educational opportunities for young men and women in the country. If one wants to get the much coveted "MBA", he/she can surely find a b-school to fulfill his/her dream. Moreover, it is no longer just one-size-fit-all vanilla type MBA. The b-schools have developed a huge variety of products which compete with traditional MBA.

Undoubtedly not all is good with the scene in management education, partially due to unplanned growth due to greed of b-school promoters, and partly due to arbitrary government policies. Vast number of bschools today offer programs that are of inferior quality. They lack basic resources such as qualified faculty. The focus often is on maximizing ROI, then on delivering quality education. Institutions with limited resources have been compelled to close down. The government policies keep changing causing migraine to b-school promoters. This situation has caused turbulence in the system and has created uncertainties in the management education. Where management education is heading is a million dollar question. Therefore the theme of AIMS-9 is, "Managing Turbulence and Uncertainties in Management Education: New Landscapes and Roadmaps."

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